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St Paul's Catholic Church / Mt Lawley Parish

We warmly welcome you to
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Parish Office Hours TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS 10am-2pm.
New Parishioners Please complete a census form, found in the church foyer, and return it to the office or sacristy.
Baptism Sunday afternoons. Please contact Fr Mariusz to make an appointment for instruction.
Reconciliation WEDNESDAY 6.15 - 7pm and SATURDAY, 8 - 9am, 4.30 - 5.15pm, or please ring for an appointment.

CHRISTMASTIDE			
Monday	8.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Christmas Time	
Tuesday	8.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Christmas Time	† Jessie Tilbrook – 36 th anniv.
Wednesday	8.00 am - Mass 9.00 am - Mass (Acacia)	Christmas Time / St Raymond of Penafort, priest	† faithful departed
Thursday	8.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Christmas Time	
Friday	8.00 am - Mass	Weekday in Christmas Time	
Saturday	9.00 am - NO MASS	Weekday in Christmas Time	

The BAPTISM of the LORD			
Saturday	5.30 pm - Mass		for the parish
Sunday	9.00 am - Mass		for our grandchildren

PARISH MINISTRIES ROSTER

MINISTRY	Saturday 5.30pm		Sunday 9.00am			Last Sunday's Giving 28/12	
Readers	L Bellandi	L Plowman	M Davila	C Moore		Online donations	\$ 808.00
Acolytes / Snr Svr	L Torre		D Cleary			Loose	545.95
Altar Servers	Z & Z Bernard	I Torre	E Skrapac	M Mai	J Cherry	Tap & Go	658.35
Musicians	A Loiacono	E Davis	A Loiacono	E Bussanich		Votive candles	76.00
Counters			P Quinn B Moncrieff			Container for change	28.80
						TOTAL	\$2,118.10
						** WEEKLY TARGET	\$2,500.00 **

Here are our parish account details:

Support our Parish: Second Collection * 086 006 * 66717 2345
Supporting Priests: First Collection * 086 006 * 70782 9728
Direct Debit: Make arrangements with your bank to make regular deposits

Thank You

...to our volunteers,
and for your generous support of our parish!

Please pray for
parishioners who are unwell: Tony Bonavita, Terry Merchant, Blanche Pereira, Lori Valerio, Frank Genovese, Bernadette Taylor, Angelina Mule, Maria Odorisio.
parishioners whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Ellen Marks, Mary Cogan SNR, Jenno (YEH-no) Pal, Stanley Casten, Eileen Watts, Wit McNamara, Mary Cable, Noel Budge, Ann-Marie Levitt, Doug Bogue.



Liturgical Ministries			Parish Ministries & Activities		
Acolytes	John Pereira	0401 623 521	Finance Committee	Michael Agostini	0416 376 793
Altar Linen	Lori Valerio * Maria Odorisio		Community Care	Francine Jones	0423 214 882
Altar Servers	Lilian Bellandi	0412 980 261		Maree Clune	0429 722 846
Collectors & Counters	Dianne Smith	0408 569 969	St Paul's Primary School	Nicola Lee, Principal	9462 6000
Roster Coordinator	Simon Hehir	043 778 6023	RCIA	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
Flowers	Jasmin Biagioni	0411 123 575	St Vincent de Paul Society	Peter Quinn	0403 803 919
Parish Social Committee	TBA		Parish Catechist	TBA	
Music	Alessio Loiacono	0466 461 892	Bible Study	Fr Mariusz Grzech	9271 5253
Readers	Genevieve Saldanha	0405 806 848	PREP Co-ordinator	Susan Brown	0403 441 525
Menora Gardens Chapel	Roslyn Robins	0457 969 057	Safeguarding Officer	Stephen Cain	0412 277 994
			Safeguarding Officer	Linley Plowman	0407 383 914

Community News

** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY **

Mon 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord at the 5.45pm Mass: - blessing of candles

Tue 17 Feb Shrove Tuesday 9.30am Rosary for children - followed by pancakes 5.45pm Mass - followed by BBQ

Wed 18 Feb Ash Wednesday Masses: 9am & 5.45pm

**** WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN JANUARY ****
Commencing Monday 5 January, weekday Mass (M-F) will be at 8am. The Ordinariate offer Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Fr Mariusz will say Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Mass at Acacia will remain unchanged at 9am on Wednesdays. Holy Hour and Confessions will continue on Wednesdays, 6.15-7.15pm.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

Tue 9.30am: Join us in praying for our children and grandchildren. Rosary & Litany in church, then delicious morning tea in the Undercroft. All are welcome!

MEN'S SHED - BBQ at the Presbytery

Mon 12th Jan, 6.30pm. Men's Shed is back for another year. In 2026 we will endeavour to hold our meetings at the parish, when possible. Join us next Monday for a summer barbecue and good conversation!

RCIA / FAITH FORMATION

RCIA sessions have concluded for the year, we will resume on Wed, 28 January. Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Do you want to grow in knowledge of your Faith?

PARISH MASS DIARY - 2026

The Parish Mass Diary for 2026 is open! Submit your Mass intentions for the coming year: thanksgiving, wedding & death anniversaries, birthdays, etc.

ONGOING EXPENSES

THIS WEEK FORMED annual subscr.: \$1,487.00, electricity: \$516.14, Bookkeeping: \$200.00, paper/printing: \$287.28.
TOTAL \$2,490.42.

NEXT WEEK

Candles/charcoal/oil: \$451.68, copier lease: \$63.65 **TOTAL \$515.33**



The Wisdom of the Saints: Works and Work

Do not suppose that God has any need of our works. What He needs is the resoluteness of our will. - St Teresa of Avila

God places more value on good will in all we do than on the works themselves. Whether we give ourselves to God in the work of contemplative prayer or in the work of serving our neighbour in charitable deeds, we accomplish these things because 'the love of Christ urges us on'. - St Lawrence Giustiniani

The servant of charity should go to bed each night so exhausted from work that he feels like he has been beaten. - Bl Louis Guanella

We will lie down for such a long time after death that it is worthwhile to keep standing while we are alive. Let's work now - one day we shall rest. - Bl Agostini Pietrantoni

The most important thing is to take the burden on one's shoulders. As you press forward, the burden soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed. - St John Bosco

Hell is full of talented people, but Heaven is full of energetic people! - St Jane Frances de Chantal



Dromedaries of Midian, and everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the Lord's praises.

A Meditation

from The Imitation of Christ
by Thomas à Kempis (1379-1471)

Chapter 19 Of Bearing Injuries and the Proof of True Patience

Jesus: What are you saying, my friend? Stop complaining, and think of my Passion and the suffering of the other saints. You have not yet shed blood in the fight. Your suffering is little compared to those who suffered so much, who were strongly tempted, grievously afflicted, tried and harassed in so many ways. You must, therefore, call to mind the heavier trials of others so that you may bear your little ones more easily. And if they do not seem small to you, be careful that this is not due to your impatience. But whether they are small or great, try to bear them with patience.

The better you prepare yourself for suffering, the more wisely will you act and the more merit will you gain. You will find it easier, too, if your mind has been prepared for it and is used to it. Do not say: "I cannot tolerate these things from such a man nor should I have to put up with them. He has seriously hurt me and he has blamed me for things I never dreamed of doing."

Pastoral Ponderings

The dust has barely settled on our Christmas celebrations – and by the way, we still have one more week of the Christmas season to savour – yet already we have been given a beautiful glimpse of how well our parish begins a new year when it begins with God.

It was a joy to see such strong attendance on the Feast of **St Sylvester** on New Year's Eve and on the Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God** on New Year's Day. At both Masses we sang our hearts out: giving thanks for the year gone by with the great hymn of praise, the 'Te Deum' (Holy God, We Praise Thy Name), and imploring the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the year ahead with 'Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, Come.' There is always something striking about the large number of visitors who join us at St Paul's for Marian feast days – a salient reminder of how Our Lady draws hearts back to her Son and to the Church.

And now, as a new calendar year opens before us, we inevitably turn our minds to resolutions. May I suggest something deeper and more lasting than the usual good intentions: a simple **plan of life** for our Catholic faith:

At its foundation should be **Sunday Mass every Sunday** – without exception, unless we are gravely ill or caring for the sick. This is not optional; it is a commandment of God and a precept of the Church. Flowing from this, I strongly encourage **monthly Confession**. We all need the purification and grace of this Sacrament of Healing. Add to this **daily prayer** – at least fifteen minutes of quiet prayer each day – and **daily reading of the Gospel**, even if only a few verses. Try to attend the parish **Holy Hour on Wednesdays**, at least six times this year. **Pray the Rosary daily**; if that seems daunting, begin with just one decade: one Our Father and ten Hail Marys. Finally, end each day with a brief **examination of conscience**, asking: How have I lived today with God, with my family, and in my work or study?

This is based on a more detailed Plan of Life that I recently shared with our young professionals, but this simple outline is a powerful place to begin. Let us start this year well – with God, and with Heaven in mind. When our spiritual life has a plan, every other part of life is transformed for the good.

Finally, a reminder that **Weekday Masses, during the month of January**, will be at **8am**, commencing on January 5th. The Ordinariate currently have Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, I will say Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Mass at Acacia will remain unchanged at 9am on Wednesdays. Holy Hour and Confessions will also remain unchanged on Wednesdays, 6.15–7.15pm.